REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the phone discussions of November 9 and 10, 2004. In the phone discussions, claims 1, 8, 12 and 23 (and some of the dependents) were discussed as well as reference 6,035,871. The amendments made above are the result of the discussions.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11-21 and 23 have been amended. Claims 2, 4, 7, 10, 22 and 24 have been cancelled. Claims 25-33 have been added. Thus, claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11-21, 23 and 25-33 are pending in the application.

Although amendments were made, it should be noted that these were done to expedite the prosecution of the case and therefore the Applicant reserves the right to go after the original claims in a continuing application.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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